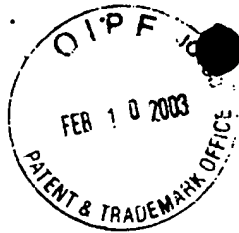


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Serial No.: 09/856,212

Filed: May 18, 2001

For: Production Method For Silicon Single Crystal  
And Production Device For Single Crystal  
Ingot, And Heat Treating Method For Silicon  
Single Crystal Water

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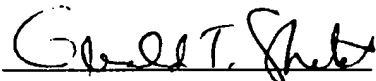
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Sir:

The Office Action of November 5, 2002 has been carefully reviewed and the following  
amendments/remarks are made in response thereto.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend Claims 1-5, 7 and 9-11 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for producing a relatively defect free silicon single crystal  
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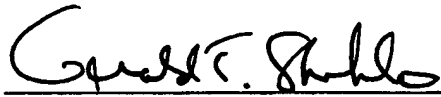
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<b>CRYSTAL AND</b>	)	<u>June 28, 2006</u>
<b>PRODUCTION DEVICE FOR</b>	)	
<b>SINGLE CRYSTAL INGOT,</b>	)	
<b>AND HEAT TREATING</b>	)	
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The Office Action of March 3, 2006 has been carefully reviewed and the following amendments and remarks are made in response thereto.